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District Library: 'It would be fun to have bees' on library roof

By Rosemary K. Otzman
Independent Editor

"It would be fun to have bees" on the roof of the new library, said Belleville Area District Library Board member John Juriga at the March 12 board meeting.

He said he was at a recent meeting of the Music in the Park committee when he mentioned that and, he said, Therese Antoinelli of Moving the Mitten real estate agreed with the idea.

Juriga said she referred him to Bees in the D and a bee meeting at Wayne County Community College. He said Antoinelli offered to pay for the project.

"It's a great place," said board member Joy Cichewicz, who has kept bees at her rural home in Sumpter Township. "We can put them close to a window."

She said the bees could be living in one box, making honey, and only needing maintenance once a week.

Library architect Dan Whisler said the Northville Township library had bees.

"You can put plexiglas on the side of the hive and can see in," Cichewicz said.

Whisler said there is a place facing the teen area on the northeast side, but Cichewicz said the bees would need the south side.

Included in the board packet was a reprint of a feature story on bees, with pictures of colorfully wrapped beehives on the roof of the Redwood City Public Library in California. The story said each hive held from 40,000 to 60,000 bees.

The hives have been on the roof for about a year. One hive produced no honey, while the other produced 40 pounds of honey -- about three gallons or 72 jars. Half of those were sold out of the library store and the beekeeper who manages the hives sold the rest.

The beekeeper typically visits elementary school classrooms and teachers adults about beekeeping. Early on, the beekeeper

said she learned that it was easier to bring the hive to the students rather than have them visit her farm. "It's so much easier to get 5,000 bees in a box than it is to get 24 kids on a bus," she said.

Board chairwoman Sharon Peters said of the idea to put bees on the roof, "That is something to be explored."

In other business at the May 12 meeting the board:

- Approved the recommendation to select Baker & Taylor as the company to provide an opening day collection for the new library at the \$150,000 set aside for the new print materials, DVDs (emphasis on non-fiction), audiobooks and music CDs. This is to supplement the existing collection of 77,000 books and 9,900 audio-visual materials. The library

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Plans under way to get started on seawall repairs in Belleville

By Rosemary K. Otzman
Independent Editor

Most of the seawall repairs will be done from a barge in the water, with some three-foot sheets driven into the shore from the land on the far end of this spring's project at Doane's Landing in Belleville.

This was some of the report from Belleville DPW Director Rick Rutherford when he was asked for an update on seawall repairs at Monday's regular meeting of the city council.

Rutherford said he has a meeting with the contractor this week and they will be locating utilities. He contacted a supervisor at the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality to help move along the permit needed. He said that went well.

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Photo by Haley Brink, National Heritage Academies

Shelia Montri, a Kindergarten teacher at Keystone Academy, received the top National Heritage Academies' Excellence in Teaching Award at a surprise school assembly on March 12. She was one of 11 top winners from the 87 charter schools NHA operates throughout the U.S.

Keystone teacher receives Excellence in Teaching Award

Keystone Academy held a surprise assembly to honor Shelia Montri, kindergarten teacher at Keystone, for winning National Heritage Academies' annual Excellence in Teaching (EIT) Award.

The ceremony featured a presentation by NHA Chief Academic Officer Todd McKee and Keystone Academy Principal Jorvonna Drain. Montri was unaware that she won the award and was informed during the assembly, following an announcement and the release of celebratory streamers.

"Our Excellence in Teaching awards shine a light on the unsung heroes who are every day making a difference in children's lives," NHA CEO Brian Britton said.

"I love hearing the stories of joy and passion that our teachers bring to their work -- stories that are humbling and truly demonstrate the purpose behind what we do, transform lives," Britton said. "These award winners are so deserving of this recognition,



Montri

and I am proud to recognize their efforts."

This year, 154 employees were recognized with 11 final winners. The winners received points through an internal employee recognition program called High Five valued at \$3,500, which allows the winner to choose from a variety of goods, a \$1,000 gift card for classroom supplies, and a plaque.

"Shelia is a mentor to two teachers at Keystone. She is always willing to share resources and ideas that benefit Keystone as a whole," said Principal Drain. "She has been recognized as an EIT finalist previously and we are excited that she is the winner this year."

Montri holds a bachelor's degree in early childhood education from the University of Toledo and a master's degree from Nova Southeastern University.

Keystone Academy, managed by National Heritage Academies, is a free, public, charter school serving students in kindergarten through eighth grade in the Belleville area. For more information, visit keystoneacademy.org.



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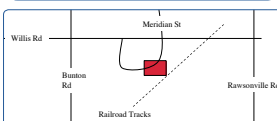
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SECOND FRONT PAGE

Paul Cartwright remembers Vietnam - and Ski

By Paul Cartwright
Van Buren Township

I have lived most of my life wondering if Ski was still alive.

Fifty-three years ago, on March 29, I enlisted in the United States Marines. At 18 years old, registered for the draft and Vietnam calling, I felt I wanted to be the best trained with the best chance of survival. Besides that, I wanted to be a Marine. Basic training at Marine Recruit Depot San Diego and Advanced Infantry training at Camp Pendleton.

By Sept. 19, I found myself a replacement member of the 2nd Battalion 1st Marine Division and exiting a DC 707 at Ton Son Nhut Air Base then on to Da Nang Air Base and immediately felt the heat and humidity of the surrounding jungle and country side.

Our assignment was to protect the air base and conduct seek and destroy patrols in the hinterlands surrounding Da Nang. I had been promoted to Lance Corporal and doing very well until Jan. 6, 1967. A year older and we were on one of those seek and



This was the picture of Hank Januchowski taken by wartime photographer Larry Burroughs that was featured in the last episode of Ken Burns' "The Vietnam War."



Paul Cartwright of Van Buren Township, right, was surprised when his wife was able to put a picture on Facebook to find the man who saved her husband's life in 1967 in Vietnam. Cartwright only knew him as "Ski" who lived in Chicago. He turned out to be Hank Januchowski, left, whose daughter Kristyn Hartman worked at WCPO Cincinnati and put the story on the air.

destroy patrols when we were ambushed just crossing a bridge by the PLA or RVN. They had deployed one of either a "C" or "L" or "V" formation interlaced with "spider-hole" (a type of fox-hole). The fighting was fierce, and bullets were everywhere when I felt two of them hit. One in the shoulder and one in the chest. I thought ... this is it!

The enemy was close, darn close. He already had a bead on me. I could see he was getting ready to squeeze the trigger again, when out of nowhere came a "big" Marine with black marker "SKI" emblazoned on his helmet and leveled him. Literally, he started with 100 rounds at his feet, and

didn't let up 'til he was done with his head. I don't know if he would remember that or not, but I do. He just saved my life!

Fast forward; I made it home after recuperating in the hospital and had a very successful career in law enforcement a wonderful marriage of 38 years to Debbie and a father -- 3 children and 6 grandchildren, a son, a brother, a cousin, a friend.

But time has a way of reinforcing some things while others fade and are blurred by the sands of time. All I could remember about the man who saved my life was that his name was Ski and he was from Chicago. That is until I was watching the

last episode of Ken Burns' "The Vietnam War."

The last scene of the last episode closed with an iconic photo taken by Larry Burroughs who felt that the look in this Marine's eyes said, "...they moved their legs, they endured." The last moment of the war was expressed in his eyes. Therefore, Ken Burns selected this photo and ironically why I saw that picture... to locate the man who saved my life.

But I didn't think it would be a good idea to find him as some people don't want to be found or reminded. A year later my health took a turn and I am now in the VA hospital in Ann Arbor. Debbie wanted to do something to cheer me up, so she posted a request on Facebook and the wheels turned - to the point that anchor newscaster Kristyn Hartman of WCPO Cincinnati saw the "post." She is the daughter of "SKI!"

Hank Januchowski (aka Ski) remembers well the day Burrows took that photo. Experiences that Hank cherishes and those he would rather forget. This is the young Marine from Chicago who never swore, and I don't care if you cut him with a knife. He'd say, "Jeez, that hurt!" He even invented a word for the "F" word: Fletch. He is a compassionate and a no-nonsense man.

I have lived most of my life wondering if Ski was still alive. He is and I have to say, "My parents gave birth to me, but Ski gave me life. THANK YOU FOR SAVING MY LIFE!"

Editor's Note: This was written by Cornell Anton with details from Paul Cartwright.

Sumpter Township Finance Director presents '19-'20 budget

By Rosemary K. Oztman
Independent Editor

Sumpter Township Financial Director Scott Holtz told the township that the landfill royalties that are \$2.6 million in the budget, currently are down 12%.

"That is a concern," Holtz told the board and residents at the March 12 public hearing on the 2019-20 budget. "Once that slide starts, it continues."

He said salaries are actually going down, since several large wage earners separated from the township and there is "fresh blood."

But, he said, benefits are going up and the unfunded pension liabilities are a concern. He said Sumpter currently is funded at 76%, which is better than most communities.

He said you don't have to have all the money now, but you have to have it when people need their pensions. He said the township currently owes about \$2.8 million to \$3 million.

Holtz said is \$4.5 million is in the royalty fund at the end of February, but he doesn't want to use that all up because he wants to be sure the township can operate.

He said the 21.6% in pension budget allocation is being bumped up to 25% in the next budget.

He distributed a packet of information on the proposed 2019-20 budgets, about \$9 million per year, and projected it on the screens in the front and rear of the meeting room as he explained.

Resident Mary Ban asked about the bond payments for the former Wayne County Jail construction and if county residents are still being billed for that "white elephant" that was sold by the county and the beginning construction being torn down.

"I'm not as familiar with Wayne County," Holtz said.

Township attorney Rob Young said the county bonded for \$200 million to build a jail and that won't change and taxpayers will continue to pay until the bonds are

paid off. He said there is a new plan for a recorder's court, juvenile court, court and jails and the purchaser will contribute to this eight-year program.

Township Treasurer Ken Bednark asked about the several hundreds of thousands of dollars of uncollected water billings.

Bednark said he thinks the financial situation shows a "pretty bleak picture."

Bednark said there are declining revenue funds. He said the royalty funds should be the cherry on top and the township should function outside of the royalties.

He said at the last board meeting they talked about spending \$70,000 to fix the fire hall and \$100,000 on the sewer.

"It's not a pretty picture," Bednark said, referring to declining revenues and increasing costs.

"It could fall in the lap of the next administration," Bednark said of a financial disaster. "It's that close."

Holtz said \$2.8 million in royalties is coming in and he budgeted just \$2.2

million to be conservative. He said there are millages for police and fire, but, "We have to get \$2 a year in royalties to keep the lights on."

Bednark said \$120,000 in declining salary costs is not that much.

Holtz said he has heard of several retirements coming up. He said 55-60 is the median age here and so there will be retirements in the next five years.

"We'll have to replace them," Holtz said. "We're pretty sparsely populated. We're not overstaffed. A lot of people are doing dual duty."

Bednark asked about contracts for contracted services and Holtz said they got a new contract with the Great Lakes Water Authority last year and they got the new contract with Republic Waste this year.

Trustee Matthew Oddy asked about remodeling of the counters at the treasurer's and clerk's offices.

Holtz said that will be lowering the

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OPINIONS

Editorial

Congratulations to Lincoln HS for State Championship

Geof Bush of Willis, who is very active in projects in the City of Belleville and the Yankee Air Museum, has been talking to people a lot about the Lincoln High School athletic teams and, lately the basketball team. Geof is the play-by-play announcer at Lincoln and enthusiastically supports his teams. He regularly posts pictures and information about the teams on the local Facebook pages.

Geof and his wife Lori Day were among the 7,738 people present at Breslin Center in East Lansing last Saturday to cheer on the Lincoln High School Railsplitters who won the State Division One Championship.

Geof had alerted everyone where to go on the television dial if they weren't going to East Lansing and so we were among those watching on TV that nail-biter of a game with University of Detroit-Jesuit.

The score kept going back and forth between the two tough teams. At 1:20 left to play, U-D Jesuit's Julian Dozier scored to tie the game. Lincoln called three timeouts at the end of the game and with 14 seconds left, the ball got to Lincoln star player Emoni Bates, who was tightly guarded and passed the ball to Lincoln's Amari Frye who took a failed shot that bounced into the hands of Lincoln's Jalen Fisher, with two-seconds left, who shot as the buzzer went off. It was good and Lincoln won 64-62. Thanks, Geof for alerting us to all this excitement. Congratulations! Team effort, indeed.

EXTRA THINGS I KNOW

...By Rosemary K. Otzman

I was writing stories at my kitchen table Saturday afternoon when I heard police calls on the scanner that said there was an active shooter on the University of Michigan campus. There was a lot of chatter back and forth among police who were setting up perimeters and finding people hidden in buildings.

After about four hours of confusion and terror, police announced the incident was over. We are told it all started when students were breaking balloons in one of the buildings and some were screaming.

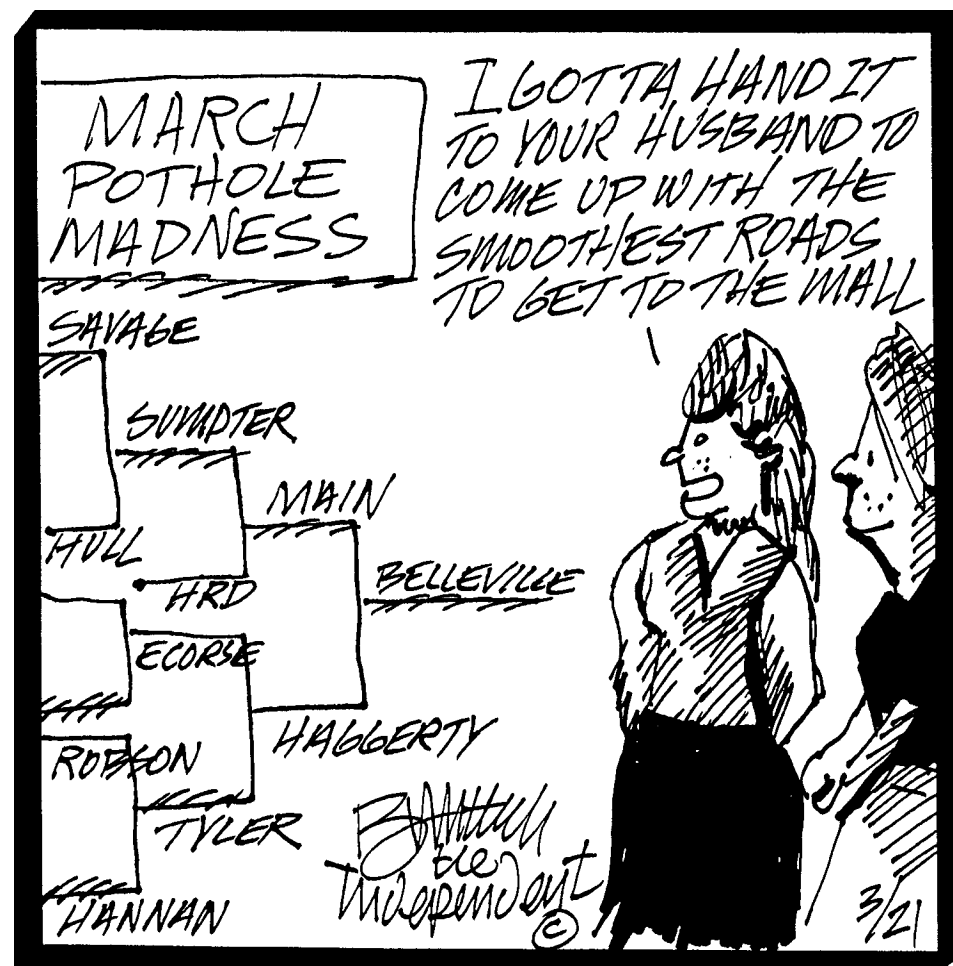
There was a big snow squall on Saturday morning – and then a big, fluffed-up robin appeared in a tree in our front yard. Welcome home. Spring arrived March 20, I'm told.

People who live around the Lower Huron Metropark have received a letter that the park will have a prescribed burn in the south end sometime between March 15 and June 1. It is to manage native ecosystems and control invasive species.

The letter said the burn will be conducted by staff or contractors who have been trained using national standards and meet a minimum of professional experience and maintain required insurance.

The letter emphasizes the safety of a prescribed burn is completely dependent on the weather and the Metroparks said they will ensure that weather parameters are within the burn prescription before they will start the fire.

The map sent to neighbors shows the largest burn to be just south of the Bemis Road entrance, at the Van Buren Township/



Sumpter Township border, with a smaller burn farther south.

Monday afternoon I heard a dispatch on the scanner to the home of Don Bluhm, a longtime contributor to the *Independent*. It said he had what appeared to be a dislocated knee and he was transported by ambulance. Don is 95 years old now, but tougher than ever. Get well soon, Don.

The path for the statewide Iron Belle Trail through Van Buren Township and the City of Belleville will be discussed at the 7 p.m., April 8, meeting at Belleville High School. Everyone is invited to get information on how the consultants came up with the planned route, which is the same as the first planned route on the east end of VBT -- from the Metro Park, over the old bridge, and west along E. Huron River Dr. The route through the City of Belleville is announced as connecting with the VBT route on E. Huron River Drive to Columbia Ave, Church St. to High St. and to Main Street. Then the plan is to head out Denton Road through Van Buren Park to the South I-94 Service Drive and Rawsonville Road, out Grove to Rawsonville Elementary, and Hydro Park in Washtenaw County.

Some of the people along E. Huron River Drive who had protested the route through their front yards last year will be at the meeting on April 8 to again cite their issues against their part of the route.

Two spoke at Monday's work/study session in Van Buren Township. The people who put the route together will be at the April 8 meeting to explain how they chose the proposed route.

There is an upcoming deadline for the grants available to help with this so the route is expected to be on the VBT work/study meeting on April 15 and on the agenda for a decision April 16.

Jeff Smith of PEA consultants, hired by VBT to map the local route, said, "This community is the link between Washtenaw County and the rest of Wayne County."

Two members of the Washtenaw County Parks staff were also at Monday's work/study meeting and they told of the large grants available to close this link.

Also, at Monday's VBT work/study meeting there was an update on the proposed Splash Park that will be put in Quirk Park behind the township hall later this summer at a cost of almost \$1 million.

Board members were told there was no intent to charge for use of the 6,359-square-foot Splash Park, but they have added fencing around the splash area to keep the wood chips in and, in the future if there is a need to charge, the fence will be helpful.

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Court Watching:

Drunk driving case against Sumpter officer adjourned to April 8 in Taylor

By Rosemary K. Otzman
Independent Editor

The drunk driving charge against Sumpter Township Police Officer George Salajan, 29, has been adjourned until Monday, April 8, for a pretrial exam.

The case had been moved from 34th District Court in Romulus to 23rd District Court in Taylor to avoid a conflict of interest, since the Sumpter Police Department uses the 34th District Court.

On Monday, Officer Salajan stood before 23rd District Court Judge Geno Salomone in Taylor with an attorney standing in for his attorney of record Michael Vincent. The defense attorney asked for an adjournment of two or three weeks and April 8 was selected by the court.

Huron Township prosecutor Kevin Foley told Judge Salomone that the video and documentation on the case have been provided to the court.

Officer Salajan was arrested Jan. 27 by Huron Township police and charged with operating with blood alcohol content of .17 or more, referred to as "super drunk." His first court date was set for March 5 before Judge David Parrott at 34th District Court for arraignment/pre-trial, but that was cancelled and it was moved to Judge Salomone's court.

The warrant for Salajan's arrest was signed by the Wayne County Prosecutor's Office on Jan. 30.

According to the Michigan State Police website, conviction on the charge, first offense, has enhanced penalties, including up to a \$700 fine, 180 days in jail, 360 hours of community service, up to one year license suspension, 6 points on a driver's license, mandatory completion of an alcohol treatment program, an ignition interlock use after 45 days license suspension to receive a restricted driver's license.

At the township's April 10, 2018 board meeting, Officer Salajan was honored as 2017 Sumpter Police Department's Officer of the Year. He also was honored, among others, with the 2017 Chief's Recognition award for his contribution to the outcome of the Nelson Po case.

At the Sumpter Township Board of Trustees meeting March 12, Sumpter Public Safety Director/Police Chief Eric Luke said that Officer Salajan was at work following "strong internal discipline."

In late January, Chief Luke confirmed that one of his officers had been arrested for driving while under the influence on Saturday night [Jan. 26], following an incident at a residence in Huron Township.

"I think a newspaper should be provocative, stir 'em up, but you can't do that on television. It's just not on."
— Rupert Murdoch



Officer George Salajan appeared in court Monday with a beard.

Sumpter planners need residents to submit pictures for Master Plan

By Rosemary K. Otzman
Independent Editor

The Sumpter Township Planning Commission needs pictures of the township to put into its new 71-page Master Plan. Spring photos are best, said township planning consultant Chris Atkin of Carlisle Wortman.

During a 20-minute meeting on March 14, the planning commission voted unanimously to send its new Master Plan, prepared by Atkin, onto the township board for review.

After the township board reviews it, the board will ask the clerk to send it on to surrounding communities, utilities, the railroad, and others with interests in the township for further review during a 63-day period.

After comments from these units, if there are no changes, the planning commission will hold a public hearing and the commission will adopt the Master Plan. That probably will be in June or July, Atkin said.

The photos from the community will be added until it is adopted and Atkin said, in the past, he has seen Master Plans in other communities get more pictures inserted even after adoption. He said photos can be taken this spring or can be from the past.

On March 14, the commission made some minor edits, including upgrading the text to show that a satellite branch of the library will be across the street from township hall. It previously had stated a district library agreement has been made.

Atkin said there is space at the end to insert the public comments submitted on line concerning what residents want to see for the township.

Obituaries



Ruth L. Bogardus

RUTH L. BOGARDUS

(September 14, 1928 - March 10, 2019)
Ruth L. Bogardus (Pud) of Munith, formerly of Belleville, was born September 14, 1928 to the late Clayton and Ruth Hopp in Ypsilanti, MI. She is survived by her sons Robert "Bo" (Noel), Doug; daughter Sue (Bill) Parraghi; daughter-in-law Jamie; 6 grandchildren and 10 great-grandchildren.
She was preceded in death by her husband Robert (Bogie) of 64 years, infant daughter Linda, son Steve, and granddaughter Danielle. She was employed through the Van Buren School System in the lunch room for over 30 years where she was loved by both the teachers and students.
She loved her family and was always willing to help whenever needed. She enjoyed going to the casino with Noel and Sue and was able to go for her 90th birthday. Her special personality made anyone around her feel welcome in her home and she was always ready for a good time. Through the love and support of her children she was able to remain in her home, at the lake, and died peacefully on March 10, 2019. Her wishes were to be cremated and have a party to celebrate her life, which will take place at a later date. We were truly blessed to be loved and raised by her and our dad.

CAROLE D. HOBBS

(December 9, 1942 - March 13, 2019)
Age 76, of Westland. Survived by sons Robert and David; daughter Leigh Darin; 6 grandchildren; 4 great-grandchildren; sister Barbara Beals. Service was March 16 at David C. Brown Funeral Home.
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Obituaries



Diane Marie Ordiway

DIANE MARIE ORDIWAY (DANNECKER)

(May 13, 1961 - March 14, 2019)
Diane Marie Ordiway (Dannecker), 57, of Belleville, died peacefully at home on March 14, 2019 after a courageous fight with cancer. Diane was born in Hackensack, New Jersey, and lived in various states while growing up. Eventually settling in the Ann Arbor area, she graduated from Ann Arbor Huron High School in 1979. She went on to study business accounting at Eastern Michigan University and pursued a very successful career in that field. Diane married Mike Ordiway on August 15, 1987, and together they raised two children, Matt and Ashley. Diane treasured her family above all else and wanted nothing but joy for Mike and their kids. She was immensely proud of Matt's music and Ashley's pursuit of a nursing degree.

Diane loved entertaining family and friends, welcoming all with her warm hospitality and infectious laugh. She defined success not by material things, but by the happiness of those around her. Diane had a spirit of adventure as big as her smile. Many Friday afternoons in their first several years of marriage, she and Mike found themselves on spontaneous weekend road trips to destinations unknown, until finally deciding to stop and explore. They always took along their league bowling balls and amusingly often ended up bowling in Bowling Green, Ohio. Diane's love of travel extended past local trips and included fond memories of getaways to Cozumel, Disney, Texas, and Bermuda. When Diane wasn't enjoying the sunny outdoors, relaxing by the pool or at a beach, she liked to spend time reading and working on puzzles.

Diane is survived by her devoted husband Mike and beloved children Matt and Ashley, all of Belleville, her mother Joann Dannecker of Royal Oak, brothers Gary Dannecker of Petoskey and John Dannecker of White Lake, along with many loving nieces, nephews, and cousins. Diane also leaves behind loving members of her extended Dannecker and Ordiway families and many dear friends, including longtime friends Cindy Fields, Julie McGraw, and Laura Franklin. Diane was preceded in death by her father Donald Dannecker and her sister Donna Englert.

Among Diane's wonderful friends, she had a very special bond with Lisa Cummins, who came into her life as a caregiver when Diane began cancer treatment. Lisa became a most treasured friend, standing by Diane's side throughout her illness and providing support to her family in her final days. The Ordiway family is also especially grateful for the support of the BHS Bands family and the Cancer Support Community of Greater Ann Arbor. A Celebration of Life will be held Saturday, April 6, 2019 from 11 a.m. - 1 p.m. at the Belleville Yacht Club, 831 E. Huron River Drive in Belleville. In lieu of flowers, memorials to the family are greatly appreciated.



Jacqueline Mary Alter

JACQUELINE MARY ALTER

(October 20, 1952 - March 9, 2019)

Jacqueline "Jackie" Alter of Rockwood, MI, passed away peacefully in her sleep, Saturday, March 9, 2019.

She was born October 20, 1952 in Ypsilanti, MI, youngest daughter of John Carl & Angeline Jeannette (Piecha) Fensch. She graduated from Belleville High School, Class of 1970.

Jackie is survived by her step-daughter Shana (Darren) Bielby of Saginaw, MI; 4 grandchildren: Joshua, Caleb, Lauren and Olivia; siblings Gail Treece and Allan Fensch, both of Belleville, MI; one nephew Eric Treece of Elizabeth, CO; two nieces Jessica Marie Fensch of Jackson, MI and Sara Nicole (Ryan) Buffa of Farmington Hills, MI; also, numerous extended family and friends.

She was preceded in death by her parents, also her husband Edward John Alter on June 1, 2003. Jackie enjoyed attending and helping out at the various marine marts and Know Your Ships book signings, and made many friends in the Boatnerd community. She had a strong interest in the ships that sailed the Great Lakes, especially the Wilfred Sykes and Edward L. Ryerson, of which her nephew was captain.

She will also be remembered for her love of horses and horseback riding. She enjoyed spending time at her own, and her family's cottages. She looked forward every year to attending the NASCAR race weekend in Brooklyn, MI, every June. She was proud to have been able to contribute to the MIS Cares charity event in December.

Jackie worked for Hertz at Detroit's Metropolitan Airport for more than 40 years.

In keeping with Jackie's wishes, a dignified cremation has been entrusted to David C. Brown Funeral Home, Belleville, MI. Memorial contributions may be made to a horse rescue of the donor's choice.

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Upcoming Meetings

- Thursday, March 21 – Special Sumpter Township workshop at 6 p.m. to discuss fiscal year budget 2020 and 2019-20 insurance policy renewal. Presentation will be given by Jon Johnson of Burnham & Flower.
- Monday, March 25 – Belleville Parks and Recreation Commission, 4 p.m. Also, Van Buren Public Schools Board of Education, 7 p.m., BHS Commons
- Tuesday, March 26 – Van Buren Township Downtown Development Authority, 5:30 p.m. Also, VBT Water and Sewer Commission, 6:30 p.m. Also, Sumpter Township workshop at 6 p.m. and regular meeting at 6:30 p.m.
- Wednesday, March 27 – Van Buren Township Planning Commission, 7:30 p.m.
- Monday, April 1 – Van Buren Township work/study meeting, 4 p.m. Also, Belleville City Council, 7:30 p.m.
- Tuesday, April 2 – Van Buren Township regular meeting, 7 p.m.

City Council

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Rutherford said the sooner they can start this project, the better. Doane's Landing park next to the Belleville Bridge has been taped off to the public for several years because of the crumbling seawall.

Last August, the city fired its original contractor for the work and granted a \$295,000 contract to C&R Lakeside Landscaping. The scope of the project is 60 days and C&R was busy last fall, so the plan was to start April 1.

In other business at the 15-minute meeting, the council:

- Heard Planning Commissioner Kelly Bates ask if the city will be able to negotiate bigger bins for recycling when the five-year contract with Republic Waste runs out this fall. City Manager Diana Kollmeyer said she is not sure how long the city will have recycling. "It's a problem across the industry," Rutherford confirmed, noting China is no longer accepting plastics. "We're all in a waiting game," he said. City Manager Kollmeyer said the comments by the editor of the *Independent* in last week's paper on the subject were correct and the letter from Bob Balderston in that same issue, "had a pretty good handle on it";

- Approved the request of the Belleville Fire Fighters Association for its "Fill the Boot for Autism" fund raiser from 2-7 p.m., April 2, at the corner of Main and High streets. The request was presented by Fire Captain Chris Zweng, who announced he just had been promoted;

- Approved the request of the Knights of Columbus to sell Tootsie Rolls at Five Points from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. on April 12, 13, and 14, as a fund raiser to help those with mental health problems;

- Removed from the agenda the closed-door session planned to discuss the status and strategy of pending union negotiations;
- Approved accounts payable of \$81,188.93; and

- Heard Councilman Tom Fielder announce that the Detroit Wayne Mental Health group that he sits on has learned that the federal Food and Drug Administration has decided electronic cigarettes are in the same classification as other cigarettes and cannot be sold to minors. He said the FDA also has ruled all the flavors besides

tobacco and mint must be eliminated. Fielder also announced the recreation commission, which meets at 4 p.m. March 25, will take a tour to evaluate city parks, starting at Victory Park, and the public is invited to join them. He also noted that State Rep. Kristy Pagan will be at city hall at 10 a.m. Saturday, March 23.

Sumpter Township ups Zoning Board of Appeals fee to \$675

By Rosemary K. Oztman
Independent Editor

At its regular meeting on March 12, the Sumpter Township Board of Trustees voted unanimously to hike the fee for a Zoning Board of Appeals hearing to \$675, from the previous \$500 cost.

Trustee Matthew Oddy, who sits on the ZBA, said they had a \$373 shortfall on hearings and they are only raising it \$200.

Clerk Esther Hurst said they want to try this to see how this goes. She said they may not have as many ZBA requests now that the new accessory building ordinance is going into effect.

Oddy asked them to approve the whole Development Fee Schedule, although the ZBA fee is the only change.

Trustee Tim Rush said some building department permits need to be looked at because the township is losing money on them.

Supervisor John Morgan told Trustee Rush to make a recommendation for changes and give it to the board for consideration.

In other business at the March 12 meeting, the board:

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Registration is open for Youth Dance Day on April 20, from 10 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. at P & P Dance Center in the Davenport Industrial Center in Belleville. This spring event

is hosted by Pure Existence, a local professional dance company established in 2012. The event is open to youth in the community, ages 5-18, at \$5 each. The sessions offered will include the basics in jazz, ballet, modern, and improvisational movement. Space is limited and expected to fill. To register and more information, visit www.pureexistencedance.com/youth-dance-day.

Moving the Mitten Real Estate Group on Main Street in Belleville is holding a free home-buyer seminar on Thursday, March 21, from 6 to 8 p.m., and on Saturday, March 23, from 12 noon to 2 p.m. at its downtown location. Topics include mortgage qualifying and the real estate process of home ownership. Registration can be made online at www.mtm-hbs-mar19.eventbrite.com or offers@movingthemitten.com.

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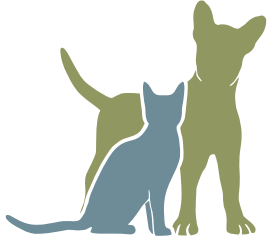


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Detroit Police Officer Tanda Rawls-Owens, of Van Buren Township, is being recognized for her work as a Detroit Police Officer at the annual Women in Blue event at 8 p.m., April 4, at the MGM Grand in Detroit.

She is a nominee for the Women in Blue Officer of the Year award which will be announced at the event.

Police Officer Tanda Rawls-Owens has been a member of the Detroit Police Department since 1996. Early in her career, it became clear that Officer Rawls-Owens had a genuine concern and care for the citizens she served. While working in the Eighth Precinct's Community Relations Unit, she was a fixture at community meetings and initiatives. In 2014, Police Chief James Craig appointed Officer Rawls-Owens to serve as a Neighborhood Police Officer.

In that role, Officer Rawls-Owens has flourished as an officer with a heart for the community. She is the coordinator for Bridging the Gap Initiatives – programs that she started to serve the community. Her programs include the Senior Safety Program which, thanks to a grant she secured from Home Depot, provides seniors with safety devices and decals for windows.

She hosts an annual Youth Career Expo which is currently in its seventh year. The Career Expo allows at-risk youth to meet various skilled trades workers to talk about alternatives to college. Officer Rawls-Owens also started an annual Back to School event (in its sixth year) which is held at public housing locations and provides school supplies and a mobile dentist for low-income children.

Officer Rawls-Owens is also known for her annual city-wide coat drive which serves approximately 1,200 citizens each year. In addition to these programs, she started Movies in the Park, which brings families and communities together for an opportunity to watch a movie together in a local park.

Officer Rawls-Owens is currently assigned to Professional Education and Training where she continues to fulfill her passion for the community and helping those in need. She started the "Serve Then Protect" initiative which uses student police officers to serve those in the community. This also takes place at various public



Tanda Rawls-Owens
Detroit Police Officer

housing locations and provides supplies like backpacks, clothing and food.

Through her years of community service, she established important partnerships with donors who support all her outreach programs. While at the Training Academy, she was able to use those partnerships to secure the donation of two trailers (worth approximately \$70,000) from UAW. The trailers were outfitted for active shooter scenario-based training. She then worked to create a mock town for realistic active-shooter training including three streets and two trailer homes designed as homes and offices for training.

Officer Rawls-Owens secured the funding from donors who work through the Detroit Public Safety Foundation for all her projects.

She has made a great impact in Detroit and for her continued dedication, she is today's #WomenInBlueWarrior. She is also a nominee for the Women in Blue – Female Officer of the Year award.

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Rawsonville Elementary School Principal Tracy Bryant

Rawsonville Elementary School reads bedtime stories on YouTube

There has been a lot of buzz going around the district and at the board meetings, regarding Principal Tracy Bryant's newest initiative at Rawsonville Elementary School.

Back in early December 2018, she came up with an idea and started recording "Bedtime Stories" and "Book Talks" on the green screen to ensure that every kid in her building could gain a LOVE for reading and to get the chance to enjoy a good bedtime story for the busy moms and dads that could not read to their kids.

This had such a positive impact on students and families, she decided to extend it and began having staff members join in. The pre-recorded postings go out every Sunday afternoon on the school's social media outlets.

Not only does the principal and staff members have the opportunity to share some of their favorite stories, but it brings the students and their families together to listen to the stories, which builds a positive home-school relationship.

Due to the overwhelmingly response,

Rawsonville took it a step further and also asked students and other stakeholders to participate and share stories on the green screen. Some of their stories have already been uploaded, but the rest will occur weekly, throughout the summer.

If that wasn't enough, the school's final RIF (Reading Is Fundamental) distribution in June, will be tied to all the stories that will launch over the summertime. Students will be able to pick a free book to add to their home library and read it along with the Bedtime Stories online.

Starting in the fall, each Bedtime Story will also be available in a special take-home book bag, so that families can read them together at home.

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• Heard Scott Cabauatan, Republic Waste's Municipal Manager for Southern Michigan and Northern Ohio, explain the problems they have had with trash pick up in the township and give his commitment to do better;

• Approved warrants totaling \$1,215,717.70, which includes the \$7,900 payment to Elan for the cable equipment in township hall, which was tabled at the last meeting. It had been incorrectly listed as final payment, but Trustee Tim Rush said the final payment would be \$32,000. Trustee Oddy said the board would like to have a representative from Elan come to a meeting to explain the delay;

• Tabled approval to pay \$23,415 to SCADA for control panel disconnects for the Willis / Sumpter Road sewer lift station repair;

• Approved setting a special workshop for 6 p.m., March 21, to discuss fiscal year budget 2020 and the 2019-20 insurance policy renewal. A presentation will be given by Jon Johnson of Burnham & Flower;

• Tabled the second readings and adoptions of two amendments to the township zoning ordinance that adds yard waste (and also should add plowed snow) to the ordinance as what is not allowed to be dumped in the public and private right-of-ways;

• Approved the second reading and final approval of a zoning ordinance amendment that provides for larger accessory structures;

• Approved Oddy's request to have the Water Department give a presentation at the April 9 meeting detailing the water bill collection procedure including any payment arrangement or payment options offered to the resident. "Documented process to be provided to the board for review," Oddy noted. Treasurer Bednark said the presenter should be the head of that department, Ken Kunka;

• Approved hiring Rachel Scott as a fire fighter with the understanding she must pass her physical;

• Heard Public Safety Director/Police Chief Eric Luke give his monthly police report, noting in February there were only three Part 1 Crimes: one aggravated

assault and two burglaries. "Another quiet night on the Western Wayne County front," he said. Former Treasurer Peggy Morgan asked for an update on the police officer that was arrested for drunk driving. Chief Luke said the officer had strong, internal discipline and he is working;

• Heard Treasurer Bednark report his office came through a pretty rough patch and they worked over the week end to get things settled. He said the delinquent tax roll has been sent to the county. He introduced the new deputy clerk, who is a resident of Sumpter Township;

• Heard Supervisor Morgan announce that Clerk Hurst has been renamed the liaison to the Senior Department. She had been liaison the seniors and then Morgan reshuffled his appointments;

• Heard township attorney Rob Young announce there are proposals to talk over with Nationwide by the end of the week. He referred to the problems with township pension payouts;

• Heard Bednark ask attorney Young if he could give reports in the future, including how many law suits have been filed against the township? How many other lawyers are involved? How many settlements and what are the judgments? "It would be nice to have quantitative reports," Bednark said. Young replied that any settlements are approved by this board and he tries not to bore people with long reports. He said, right now, the township has outside counsel, recommended by the insurance company, to work on the Futernick case. He said that firm has worked with Sumpter before. Young said there is a status conference in May on the case and, "We've analyzed the complaints ... Some have been litigated by him in the past... I don't mind talking about this. It's what I do. I will do that going forward";

• Heard Trustee Don LaPorte announce that fire fighters now will come on medical emergency runs with IDs around their necks. He said Fire Chief Joe Januszyk had the idea. The IDs will have personal information on them and the tags should go to the hospital with any fire fighter injured. Also, the previous Saturday the fire department had training in propane emergency, with other participants from Belleville, Grand Rapids, and Ann

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Sumpter budget

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counters for ADA compliance at a cost of \$4,000 which is under the capital

improvements limit.

"If we're doing them, why not do all of them?" Trustee Oddy said of the counters in other departments.

Holtz said Bednark wanted to lower the

counter for the treasurer's office and went across to the clerk and said, "You'd look silly if you didn't have an ADA-compliant counter, too."

"ADA compatibility. We're lagging," Bednark said. "We will offer more utility for the public." He said he understands the women's bathroom needs ADA changes, as well.

"Also the front door," Oddy said, referring

to an ADA push-button door to open, like the new one put into the back entrance.

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Sumpter Township Public Notice

**Sumpter Township
Regular Board Meeting**
Tuesday, February 26, 2019, 6:30 p.m.
23480 Sumpter Rd., Belleville, MI 48111
Minutes

Meeting called to order by Supervisor Morgan at 6:59 pm. Roll call: Supervisor J. Morgan, Clerk E. Hurst, Treasurer K. Bednark, Trustees: LaPorte, Rush, Oddy and Swinson. Also showing present: Attorney Young, Deputy Clerk Hadyniak, Fire Chief Januszyk, Public Safety Director/ Chief of Police Luke and approximately 30 residents.

3. Agenda: Motion by LaPorte, supported by Oddy to approve the agenda with the following amendment: Edit - F. Consider recommendation of Hennessey Engineers to accept the bid from Inland Waters Pollution Control of Detroit in the amount of \$140,635.00 for the Willis Rd. sewer lining program and \$8,890.00 construction cost; totaling \$149,525.00 to be charged to the 2019-2020 fiscal year. Motion carried.

4. Public Comments on Agenda Items Only: no comment

5. Minutes:

A. Motion by Rush, supported by Swinson to approve the Regular Board Meeting Minutes of February 12, 2019. Motion carried.

B. Motion by Oddy, supported by Rush to accept the Planning Commission Meeting Minutes of January 10, 2019. Motion carried.

6. Warrants: Motion by Oddy, supported by LaPorte to approve the warrant total of \$3,245,502.29 and table payment for invoice 1902095 for Elan Equipment. Roll call vote: Yes: Swinson, Rush, Oddy, LaPorte, Bednark, Hurst and J. Morgan. Nay: None. Motion carried unanimously.

7. Finance Report-Holtz:

A. Quarterly budgets

B. Nationwide/MERS

Motion by Hurst, supported by Oddy to approve the Finance Report. Motion carried.

8. Parks & Recreation/Chamber Report-Swinson:

A. Bowling Fundraiser on Friday, March 1st

B. No Parks & Recreation report-meeting cancelled because of down power lines behind building.

Motion by Rush, supported by Bednark to approve the Parks & Recreation/Chamber report. Motion carried.

9. Planning/Zoning Report-Oddy:

A. Three (3) ordinances on agenda

B. Master Plan

Motion by LaPorte, supported by Bednark to approve the Planning/Zoning report. Motion carried.

10. Senior Report-Bednark:

A. Black History Celebration had over 30 participants and Thank you to all volunteers.

B. Meals on Wheels delivered to 34 clients daily-Wayne County sent out frozen meals to help clients prepare for bad weather.

C. Available seats for the Piston game on March 28th - contact Maryann Watson if interested.

Motion by Rush, supported by Swinson to approve the senior report. Motion carried.

11. Attorney Report-Young:

A. Nationwide

B. Proceeding litigation for Futernick vs. Sumpter Township

Motion by Rush, supported by Swinson to approve the Attorney report. Motion carried.

12. Board Response:

A. Trustee Rush updated the residents about Storm Ready Program.

B. Trustee Rush thanked the Fire Department for letting him watch the ice water condition exercise.

C. Trustee Rush stated the audio/visual system seems to be up and running.

D. Clerk Hurst reminded residents to speak at the podium.

E. Treasurer Bednark asked when the newsletter will be out.

F. Treasurer Bednark reminded residents that the pet clinic will be on Saturday, March 9th from 1:00 pm until 4:00 pm.

13. New Business:

A. Motion by Bednark, to immediate and permanently remove the Sumpter Township Attorney from the board table seat and place in the audience with other Township staff during all Sumpter Township regular board meetings, special meetings and workshops. Motion failed due to lack of support.

B. Motion by Hurst, supported by Oddy to consider the Planning Commission's recommendation to amend section 5.3: Accessory buildings, structures and uses of the Township Zoning ordinance and to approve the first reading. Motion carried.

C. Motion by Hurst, supported by Oddy to consider the Planning Commission's recommendation to amend section 2.2: Definitions of the Township Zoning Ordinance to add Yard Waste and to approve the first reading. Motion carried.

D. Motion by Hurst, supported by Rush to consider the Planning Commission's recommendation to amend article 7: Environmental protection and design provisions of the Township Zoning Ordinance to add section 7.13: environment, drains, and public and private right-a-ways and to approve the first reading. Motion carried.

E. Motion by Hurst, supported by Rush to set the public hearing for the 2020 budget for March 12, 2019 at 6:00 pm. Motion carried.

F. Motion by Oddy, supported by Swinson to consider the recommendation of Hennessey Engineers to accept the bid from Inland Waters Pollution Control of Detroit in the amount of \$140,635.00 for the Willis Rd. sewer lining program and \$8,890.00 construction cost; totaling \$149,525.00 to be charged to the 2019-2020 fiscal year. Motion carried.

G. Motion by Hurst, supported by Oddy to approve the 3rd quarter budget amendments. Motion carried.

H. Motion by Rush, supported Swinson to approve the purchase of a supply trailer for the Fire Department from D & R Trailer Sales Inc. at a cost of \$3,707.00 per quote #131578. Motion carried.

I. No motion for Resolution 2019-05 for the 2019-2020 Sumpter Township Budget. Failed due to lack of support.

J. Motion by Rush, supported by LaPorte to approve the hiring of Erica Campbell to the part-time position of Treasurer's office clerk, starting February 28, 2019 at \$18.00 per hour. Motion carried.

K. Motion by Bednark, supported by Swinson to accept the resignation of Vern Morse as Deputy Treasurer and to recognize the appointment of Wendy Snook as interim Deputy Treasurer; pay will be \$25.08 per hour. Motion carried.

14. Announcements:

A. DTE installed light in the back parking lot of the Township Hall.

B. Chili cook-off raised \$300.00 for the Community Outreach program.

C. Parks & Recreation received an additional grant from Wayne County for \$10,888.00.

15. Open Floor: Five (5) people spoke

16. Adjournment: Motion by Rush, supported by Hurst to adjourn at 8:05 pm. Motion carried.

Minutes prepared by

Dawn Hadyniak

Deputy Clerk, Sumpter Township

Esther Hurst, Clerk

John Morgan, Supervisor

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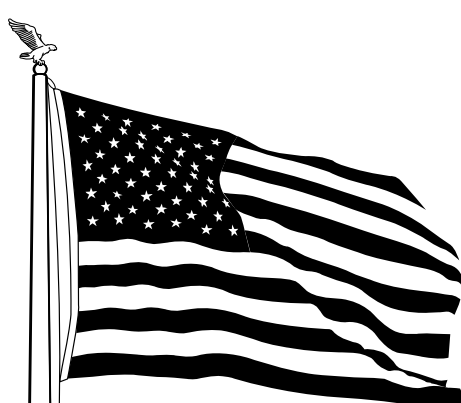
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• **Friday, March 22** – Bowling fundraiser at 6 p.m. at Lodge Lanes in Van Buren Township for the Jitterbugs Elite Dance competitive team.

• **Friday, March 22** – You’re invited to come play Bingo from 12:30 to 2 p.m. every Friday at the September Days Senior Center, 46425 Tyler Rd. Bring pennies.

• **Saturday, March 23** – Make your thoughts known on Michigan issues to State Rep. Kristy Pagan at 10 a.m. at Belleville City Hall where she will have a coffee hour with constituents.

• **Saturday, March 23** – Girl Scouts are selling their cookies every Saturday through April 6 in front of Walmart.

• **Saturday, March 23** – Paranormal Seekers Society of Michigan is working with the Flat Rock Historical Society to put on an evening of ghost hunting, 6:30-11:30 p.m. at the Flat Rock Historical Society. Tickets are \$25 each with all proceeds going to the Historical Society. Information: (734) 782-5220 or see ParanormalSeekersSocietyofMichigan.com.

• **Sunday, March 24** – Free, live music at the September Days Senior Center, 2-5 p.m. Today it’s Kentucky Travelers. For information, call Jimmy Baleja, (734) 223-4824 or Lynette Jordan (734) 699-8918.

• **Monday, March 25** – Dine and Donate all day at Egan’s Pub, 396 Main St., Belleville. Show your support by bringing a flyer or showing a picture of it on your phone to Egan’s Pub and 15% of all proceeds across the board will go towards the purchase of new turnout gear for the Belleville Fire Department. No carry outs. Prizes, raffles.

• **Wednesday, March 27** – Belleville Area Chamber of Commerce presents a Tri-

Community Update at a member luncheon meeting at Wayne County Community College District, 9555 Haggerty Rd., Van Buren Township. Registration begins at 11:30 a.m. with lunch at noon. Cost is \$20 per plate paid before the luncheon and \$25 at the door. Speaking will be Van Buren Township Supervisor Kevin McNamara, Belleville Mayor Kerreen Conley, Sumpter Township Deputy Supervisor Karen Armatis, and Van Buren Public Schools Superintendent Pete Kudlak. To RSVP call (734) 697-7151 or info@bellevilleareachamber.org.

• **Wednesday, March 27** – Chat with the Chief at 1 p.m. at Bobby McShane’s restaurant on Sumpter Road. Sumpter Township Public Safety Director/Police Chief Eric Luke invites township residents to meet and talk with him about the happenings and hopes in the community.

• **Thursday, March 28** – Southwestern Wayne (County) Democratic Club membership meeting, 7 p.m., in the Dining Hall at the Wayne County Fair Grounds, 10871 Quirk Road, Van Buren Township. All are welcome!

• **Friday, March 29** – You’re invited to come play Bingo from 12:30 to 2 p.m. every Friday at the September Days Senior Center, 46425 Tyler Rd. Bring pennies.

• **Saturday, March 30** – Girl Scouts are selling their cookies every Saturday through April 6 in front of Walmart.

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• **Saturday, April 6** – Girl Scouts are selling their cookies every Saturday through April 6 in front of Walmart.

• **Sunday, April 7** – Bugles Across America at 7:15 p.m. at the Veterans Memorial in Horizon Park in Belleville. A brief ceremony honors those with past and present military service. The playing of “Taps” is always a part of the ceremony.

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LANDSCAPE – GROUND MAINTENANCE – IRRIGATION

Base pay \$11.00/hr. Pay rate depends on experience. Work 40 hrs. or more per week (weather permitting) from present to December 2019 or until company closes for season’s end and receive a **\$500 CASH BONUS** at the end of the season. Email at detailandscape@sbcglobal.net or call **734-697-3600**.

AREA TRAINEE for local Real Estate Firm. For appointment call. (734) 697-1800 TFN

HOME HEALTH AIDES. Openings in Belleville & surrounding area. Call Golden Home & apply 9am-1pm. (734) 697-0888 04/11

ENERGETIC BARTENDER for club atmosphere. Apply at Van Buren Eagles 9961 Beck after 12pm. (734) 699-8836 04/04

HELP WANTED

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NOW HIRING!

ALL POSITIONS!
WAITSTAFF, KITCHEN, COOKS.
CALL MOE @ 313-522-8701
9624 Belleville Rd., Belleville, MI 734-697-1000

CUSTOMER CARE REPRESENTATIVE needed at BankSupplies. Full-time starts at \$11/hr. Send resumes to brittany@banksupplies.com 04/11

CDL B, VACUUM TRUCK OPERATOR. Will train. \$20/start, benefits. Lots of overtime. Environmental Industrial Services. (734) 699-4949 04/11

HELP WANTED

DRIVERS WANTED

Transporting new Ford vehicles from local manufacturing plants. **Full/Part Time! \$10.00/hour.** Day & night shifts available. Must be over the age of 23 with a good driving record.

Call our office, Monday thru Friday, 734-740-6127 • Leave Voice Message

Charter Township of Van Buren Public Notice

POLICE VEHICLE AUCTION

On March 27th, 2019, the Van Buren Township Police Department will conduct a public auction of impounded and abandoned vehicles. The auction will begin at 10:30am, at **J&T Towing and Storage**, 287 Industrial Dr. Belleville MI, County of Wayne, where the following will be offered for sale to the highest bidder.

2006	LINCOLN	4D	3LNHM26156R636114	18-0538
1996	CHEVROLET	4D	1G1BL52W6TR138343	19-1978
1999	MERCEDES	4D	WDBHA29G4XA718584	19-2670
2002	GMC	SW	1GKDT13S122299490	19-2930
2008	JEEP	SW	1J8GP28K28W106821	19-2940
1998	CADILLAC	4D	1G6KD54Y1WU745385	19-2940
2003	VOLKSWAGE	4D	WVWUK63B13P115309	19-3636

At 11:30am, the auction will move to **Great Lakes Towing** and storage, 42350 Van Born Rd. Belleville MI, County of Wayne, where the following vehicles, will be offered for sale to the highest bidder.

2006	BUICK	4D	1G4HD57246U247028	19-0087
2007	SUZUKI	MC	JS1VX51LX72100123	19-0312
2006	FORD	4D	1FAFP53U86A117738	19-0349
2004	CHEVROLET	VA	1GBFG15T541109802	19-0617
2005	GMC	SW	1GKDT13S352336222	19-0750
2007	PONTIAC	4D	1G2ZG58N174224949	19-1282
2007	FORD	4D	1FAFP53U27A125304	19-1775
2000	ACURA	4D	19UUA566XYA014258	19-2011
2001	TOYOTA	2D	2T1CF22P51C431295	19-2491
2001	MERCURY	4D	2MEFM75W01X658701	19-2750
2006	PONTIAC	4D	1G2ZG558X64170466	19-0304
2005	CHRYSLER	SW	2C8GF68425R398962	19-3980
2002	PONTIAC	2D	1G2JB124227228777	19-3210

All vehicles are sold in “as is condition.” Bidding on all impounded vehicles will start at the amount due for towing and storage. Vehicles may be deleted from this list at any time prior to the start of the auction.

Leon Wright, CMC, Van Buren Township Clerk,
Published: March 21st, 2019

Bees

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committee also considered proposals from Bodart and Ingram and the committee said it was a difficult decision;

- Approved purchase of an Automatic Materials Handling System from TechLogic AMH at a cost not to exceed \$143,000 plus five years of maintenance agreement, putting the total at not to exceed \$173,600. Four companies were considered. The system will include a five-bin sorter, an internal and external return drop off, ability to return multiple items at one time, a staff induction point, and

sorting bins that minimize bending and stooping by the staff;

- Approved an update to the library's FOIA procedures and guidelines to comply with new state law;
- Learned a library fund development page is now available on the library website that contains basic contribution information. The staff is researching the possibility of having a Paypal button on this page;
- Noted a feature story reprint included in the board packet was "Libations in the Library: Alcohol-friendly events draw new, younger faces." The story was about a Jefferson County (CO) Library Foundation after-hours fund raiser that was a great

success. Other libraries have tried this, as well, and this was included in the packet to inform the board;

- Heard a report from Cichewicz on progress of construction of the new library with inspections by the city being done, exterior studs being installed, the roof scheduled for the second week of April and the concrete floor set to be poured. Outside bricks are due the end of April;
- Heard architect Whisler report they have completed erection of the south stairway and are working on the north stairway. They have started the plumbing work and are trying to get the roof on, their highest

priority. They are pretty complete with the studs and are starting some exterior sealing, which will offer a visual change, he said. The work now is pretty independent of the weather; and

- Heard the *Independent* report that after the Sumpter Township meeting she had just attended a resident there asked her to relay the suggestion that the library have a used-book sale at the Sumpter library facility. The woman said the only reason she drives to the library in Belleville is for the book sales and she would like to have a sale closer. Board members said they would look into that.

Charter Township of Van Buren Public Notice

Job Vacancy Posting



CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF VAN BUREN JOB VACANCY

Position Title: Executive Assistant to Public Services Director
Department: Public Services
Classification: Regular, Full-time
FLSA Status: Non-exempt **Union Affiliation:** Non-Union salary position.
Salary: \$52,000 based on experience and qualifications
Benefits Package: Health/Dental 90% Employer Paid
Blue Cross Blue Shield and Blue Care Network
Vision Employer Paid
Short/Long Term Insurance Employer Paid
Retirement 12% Employer Matched/100% Vested after first contribution
Life Insurance \$50,000
PTO
Education Tuition Assistant Plan

General Duty Statement:
Van Buren Charter Township is now accepting resumes for an Executive Assistant to Public Services Director.

Position Summary

Under the general supervision of the Public Services Director or their designee, the employee will be responsible for performing a broad range of duties as assigned by executive team of Public Services Directors, including providing general administrative support, creating reports, organizing travel and accommodation and other organizational and outreach tasks. Must possess a Bachelor's degree or equivalent prior work experience. Job duties include but are not limited to are as follows:

- Develop and implement capital improvement plans.
- Create and maintain a social media presence for the Public Services Department and implement a customer database from media and customer responses.
- Develop, implement and maintain a public participation (community outreach) plan.
- Researching and conducting data analysis for preparation of documents for review and presentation by the Board, committees and commissions as needed.
- Assists the Director of Public Services administratively including procurement, project tracking, customer contact, scheduling, returning calls and timekeeping.

Detailed information can be found on the Van Buren Township website.

www.vanburen-mi.org/about-the-community/help-wanted

Please submit a cover letter, resume and application to:

nsumpter@vanburen-mi.org.

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Charter Township of Van Buren Public Notice

Job Vacancy Posting



CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF VAN BUREN JOB VACANCY

Position Title: Confidential Administrative Assistant
Department: Supervisor/Assessing
Classification: Regular, Full-time
FLSA Status: Non-exempt **Union Affiliation:** Non-Union salary position.
Salary: \$43,000 based on experience and qualifications
Benefits Package: Health/Dental 90% Employer Paid
Blue Cross Blue Shield and Blue Care Network
Vision Employer Paid
Short/Long Term Insurance Employer Paid
Retirement 12% Employer Matched/100% Vested after first contribution
Life Insurance \$50,000
PTO
Education Tuition Assistant Plan

General Duty Statement:
Van Buren Charter Township is now accepting resumes for a Confidential Administrative Assistant

Position Summary

Under the general supervision of the Township Supervisor or their designee, the employee will perform a broad range of duties as assigned by the Assessing Coordinator, Executive Assistant and Human Resource Director. The employee will be responsible for maintaining confidentiality, uncompromising integrity and discretion in all matters with a strong emphasis on Customer service. Must possess a Bachelor's degree or equivalent prior work experience in a general office setting; Knowledge of Township structure and organization a plus. Some duties include but not limited to are as follows:

- Handle routine customer concerns as they arise in a professional positive manner.
- Coordinate residential service request.
- Answer phones, direct residents to the proper departments within the Township as well as other governmental or non-governmental agencies.
- Obtain the Michigan Assessing Technician Certification and Michigan Certified Assessing Officer Certification within the timeframe set forth by Assessing Coordinator.
- Maintain filings for Property Affidavits, Principle Residence Exemptions and Sales Disclosures; Compose and process any related correspondence.

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City of Belleville Public Notice



CITY OF BELLEVILLE

Regular City Council Meeting Minutes Monday, March 4, 2019

A regular meeting of the Council for the City of Belleville was called to order by Mayor Conley at 7:30 p.m. at the Municipal Building, 6 Main Street, Belleville.

1. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE & MOMENT OF SILENCE

2. ROLL CALL

Council Member Fielder	Present
Council Member Marcotte	Present
Council Member Smith	Absent
Mayor Pro Tem Loria	Present
Mayor Conley	Present

3. PRESENTATIONS AND CITIZEN COMMENTS

Presentations

None

Council follow up list

None

Citizen Comments

None

4. AGENDA APPROVAL

Motion by Marcotte Second by Fielder to approve the agenda as presented.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion by Loria, Second by Fielder to approve the City Council meeting minutes from February 19, 2019 as presented.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

6. PUBLIC HEARINGS

None

7. INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCES

None

8. GENERAL BUSINESS

A. "Buddy Poppy" Sales: VFW and PLAV

Motion by Loria, Second by Marcotte to approve Resolution No. 19-016, authorizing the VFW Post 4434 and PLAV to hold its annual "Buddy Poppy" fundraiser downtown from May 9-11, 2019 between 5 a.m. and 7 p.m. as presented.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

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B. CBC Events for 2019

Motion by Fielder, Second by Loria to approve

Resolution No. 19-017, authorizing the Belleville CBC to hold the following 2019 events as presented:
• Flop E Bunny at Victory Park Saturday, April 20th
• Farmers' Market at 4th St. Square Mondays, June – September

• Taste of Belleville at Horizon Park Thursday, August 15th

• Harvest Fest Market at 4th St. Square Saturday, October 12th

• Monster Mutt Walk at 4th St. Square Saturday, October 19th

• Halloween Costume Contest – 4th St. Sq. Thursday, October 31st

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

C. Chamber of Commerce: Strawberry Festival Run

Motion by Marcotte, Second by Loria to approve Resolution No. 19-018, authorizing the Chamber of Commerce to hold the Strawberry Festival Run on June 15, 2019 between 7 and 9 a.m. as presented.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

D. Main Street Car Show

Motion by Loria, Second by Marcotte to approve Resolution No. 19-019, authorizing Egan's Pub to host the 2019 Car Show on Main Street every Monday evening from June 3rd to October 30th from 5 to 9 p.m. (except Labor Day) as presented.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

E. BACA: Music Lakeside

Motion by Fielder, Second by Marcotte to approve Resolution No. 19-020, authorizing BACA to host 2019 Music Lakeside every Thursday evening from June 20th to August 15th from 5:30 to 10 pm as presented.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

F. POAM: Labor Agreement

Motion by Fielder, Second by Marcotte to endorse

Resolution No. 19-021 approving a new POAM labor agreement dated January 1, 2019 to December 31, 2021 as presented.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

9. ACCOUNTS PAYABLE & DEPARTMENTAL EXPENDITURES

Motion by Loria, Second by Marcotte to approve Resolution No. 19-022, for accounts payable and purchases over \$500.00 totaling \$417,619.46 as presented.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

10. ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Loria, Second by Fielder to adjourn meeting at 8:08 p.m.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Respectfully submitted,

Sherri Scharf

City Clerk

Approved: March 18, 2019

Published: March 21, 2019

BHS at-home games

• Friday, March 22: JV baseball vs. Airport, 4:30 p.m.; Girls JV soccer vs. Livonia Churchill, 4 p.m.; Girls Varsity soccer vs. Livonia Churchill, 5:30 p.m.

• Saturday, March 23: Varsity softball vs. Detroit Western International, noon, double header

• Monday, March 25: Varsity baseball & Varsity softball vs. Livonia Stevenson, 4:30 p.m.

• Wednesday, March 27: JV baseball & JV softball vs. Livonia Stevenson, 4:30 p.m.

Charter Township of Van Buren Public Notice

Charter Township of Van Buren Annual Cemetery Cleaning Notice

The Department of Public Services will be conducting its annual spring cleaning at all Township cemeteries.

Spring cleaning will begin

April 15, 2019 and run through April 19, 2019

Receptacles placed on graves such as flowerpots, religious items and similar objects will be discarded if not removed by
April 14, 2019

New items may be displayed beginning
April 19, 2019

Van Buren Township provides maintenance for the following cemeteries:

Denton - 49780 Cross St. (Michigan Avenue and Denton Road)

Soop - 49250 Denton Road (South I-94 Service Drive and Denton Road)

Tyler - 39820 Tyler Road (Tyler and Hannan Roads)

Otisville - 41875 Riggs Road

For additional information contact

The Department of Public Services 734.699.8925

Leon Wright
Township Clerk

Posted: 3-7-2019

Published: 3-21-2019

4-4-2019

Van Buren Public Schools Public Notice

VAN BUREN PUBLIC SCHOOLS ADVERTISEMENT FOR BID

Van Buren Public Schools will receive sealed bid proposals until **2:00 p.m. on March 27, 2019**, for the Boiler Replacement Project at Tyler Elementary School. Bids will be opened and publicly read aloud immediately following the deadline for submission. Van Buren Public Schools will not consider or accept a bid received after the date and time specified for the bid submission.

A non-mandatory pre-bid conference will be held at Tyler Elementary School Main Entrance, 42200 Tyler Road, Belleville, MI 48111, on **March 19, 2019 at 2:00 p.m.**

All Bids must be addressed to Van Buren Public Schools, 555 W. Columbia, Belleville, MI. 48111 Attention: Mr. James Williams, Director of Buildings and Grounds.

Bid Security, Cashier's Check or Certified Check in the amount of at least five percent (5%) of the bid must be included along with a sworn and notarized statement disclosing any familial relationship that exists between the owner or any employee of the bidder and any member of the board, board of directors, or the superintendent of the School District. A sworn and notarized Iran Disclosure Statement must also be included along with a Criminal Background Disclosure Affidavit and a Non-Collusive Affidavit. Accepted bidders will be required to furnish Performance and Payment Bonds in the amount of one hundred percent (100%) of the Contract Price.

Bid documents may be viewed and downloaded at:

<https://app.e-builder.net/public/publicLanding.aspx?QS=018084f8073d42e588550e4a54fc61cb>

Documents will be available for viewing on **March 13, 2019**. Any questions, contact Rob Kakoczki, Plante Moran Cresa, at rob.kakoczki@plantemoran.com.

Van Buren Township Police Dispatch Log

Out of the 462 dispatch calls for service reported by Van Buren Township police for these past seven days, the following are selected for this column.

Sunday, March 10:
0016 – suspicious person/vehicle, Maple Dr.
0107 – suspicious person/vehicle, Montague Ave.
0150 – property damage accident, EB I-94 / Belleville Rd.
0433 – suicidal person, S. I-94 Service Dr.
0452 – disorderly, Parkwood Dr.
1046 – animal complaint, Bog Rd.
1110 – animal complaint, Celestine Dr.
1218 – mental subject, Colonial Rd.
1455 – harassment call, S. Bellridge Dr.
1512 – larceny, Southport
1551 – fraud, Belleville Rd.
1736 – property damage accident, Haggerty Rd. / E. Huron River Dr.
1815 – 911 welfare check, Parkwood Dr.
1820 – family trouble, Spruce Ln.
2200 – unauthorized driving away of auto, Rawsonville Rd.
2246 – motorist assist, Haggerty/over I-94
2318 – noise complaint, Vernon St.

Monday, March 11:
0217 – assist other dept., Vista Dr.
0502 – disorderly, Haggerty
0534 – suspicious person/vehicle, Peninsular Dr.
0728 – road hazard, Belleville Rd. / S. I-94 Service
0821 – suspicious person/vehicle, Rolan Meadows
0941 – animal complaint, Hannan Rd./Ecorse Rd.
1026 – suspicious person/vehicle, Ecorse Service A Dr.
1326 – suspicious person/vehicle, S. I-94 Service
1329 – suspicious person/vehicle, Wabash Rd.
1357 – suspicious person/vehicle, W. Huron River Dr. / Lake Point Pass
1426 – suspicious person/vehicle, Belleville Rd.
1451 – neighbor trouble, Pine Dr.
1518 – suspicious person/vehicle, Lake Villa Dr.
1551 – domestic, lighthouse Dr.
1605 – animal complaint, Hoeft Rd.
1641 – property damage accident, Ecorse Rd. / Belleville Rd.
1813 – malicious destruction of property, Rawsonville Rd.
1824 – suspicious person/vehicle, Red Oak Dr.
1833 – retail fraud, Belleville Rd.
1852 – property damage accident, Belleville Rd.
1932 – suspicious person/vehicle, Belleville Rd.
2041 – suspicious person/vehicle, Springwood Blvd.
2106 – suicidal person, Rose Blvd.
2257 – suspicious person/vehicle, N. I-94 Service

Tuesday, March 12:
0308 – suspicious person/vehicle, Quirk Rd. / S. I-94 Service Dr.
0313 – 911 welfare check, Outer Dr.
0917 – suspicious person/vehicle, Parkwood Dr.
1057 – animal complaint, Denton Rd.
1108 – larceny from auto, N. Ponderosa Trl.
1220 – larceny from auto, N. Ponderosa Trl.
1403 – retail fraud, Belleville Rd.
1411 – fraud, Lighthouse Dr.
1529 – issue gun permit, S. Ponderosa Trl.
1723 – larceny from auto, Marina Dr.
1724 – property damage accident, Belleville Rd.
2229 – suspicious person/vehicle, Rawsonville Rd.

Wednesday, March 13:
0746 – assault & battery, Van Born
0759 – larceny, N. Woodbury Dr.
1324 – suicidal person, Martinsville Rd.
2016 – traffic offense, Belleville Rd.
2249 – assault & battery, Ecorse Rd.
2251 – juvenile complaint, Parkwood Dr.
2256 – 911 welfare check, Bog Rd.
2358 – follow up by officer, Basswood Cir.
Thursday, March 14:
0047 – suspicious person/vehicle, Beacon Trl.
0842 – private property/property damage accident, Belleville Rd.
0957 – property damage accident, Tyler/Quirk
1007 – suspicious person/vehicle, S. I-94 Service
1057 – suspicious person/vehicle, Belleville Rd.
1112 – assist other dept., Tyler
1123 – ordinance violation, Ash Dr.
1305 – suspicious person/vehicle, Vinewood Dr. / Robson Rd.
1328 – ordinance violation, Harbor Ln.

1547 – road hazard, Haggerty Rd./Ecorse Rd.
1627 – abandoned auto, Solitude Ln.
1704 – assault & battery, Greenwood Dr.
1758 – parking complaint, Belleville Rd.
1855 – domestic, E. Huron River Dr.
2152 – domestic, Park Estates Dr.
2258 – 911 welfare check, N. I-94 Service Dr.
2356 – suspicious person/vehicle, Locust Dr.

Friday, March 15:
0058 – suspicious person/vehicle, N. I-94 Service
0140 – domestic, Belleville Rd./N. I-94 Service
0414 – trespassing, S. I-94 Service Dr.
0553 – K-9 call out, Mary Catherine
0633 – leaving the scene of a property damage accident, Tyler/Hannan
0644 – malicious destruction of property, Michigan Ave.
0800 – issue gun permit, Maple Dr.
1050 – suspicious person/vehicle, Moms Dr.
1143 – mental subject, Prairie Grass
1217 – lost property/child, Belleville Rd.
1414 – animal complaint, Michigan Ave./Dellor
1524 – traffic offense, Belleville Rd./Sunrise Ln.
1622 – breaking & entering, Kirkridge Park Dr.
1659 – fraud, Rawsonville Rd.
1715 – fraud, Michigan Ave.
1718 – mental subject, Richards Run
1913 – assist other dept., Huron River Dr.
2107 – animal complaint, Tyler Rd.
2224 – K-9 call out, E. Walden Dr./Solitude Ln.

Saturday, March 16:
0216 – suspicious person/vehicle, Sugarbush Ln.
0222 – suicidal person, Belleville Rd.
0310 – malicious destruction of property, Ayres Ave.
0435 – malicious destruction of property, Pond Bluff Dr.
0658 – suicidal person, W. Huron River Dr.
0929 – property damage accident, E. Huron River Dr. / Haggerty Rd.
0938 – property damage accident, Morton Taylor Rd. / Tyler Rd.
0943 – road hazard, Rawsonville Rd./W. Huron River Dr.
0949 – property damage accident, Tyler Rd. / Haggerty Rd.
0953 – leaving the scene of a property damage accident, EB Michigan Ave./bypass
1006 – property damage accident, Belleville Rd.
1044 – larceny from auto, Village Green Ln.
1105 – domestic, Parkwood Dr.
1117 – disorderly, S. Industrial Park Dr.
1200 – disorderly, Woodbury Dr.
1222 – family trouble, Denton Rd.
1257 – retail fraud, Belleville Rd.
1334 – suspicious person/vehicle, Hamilton St.
1358 – property damage accident, Belleville Rd.
1445 – noise complaint, Oak Ln.
1555 – civil matter, S. Bellridge Dr.
1643 – civil matter, N. Ponderosa Trl.
1711 – disorderly, Belleville Rd.
1713 – suspicious person/vehicle, Beckley Rd. / Denton Rd.
1739 – suspicious person/vehicle, Parkwood Dr.
1811 – follow up by officer, Ayres Ave.
1850 – disorderly, S. I-94 Service Dr.
1924 – suspicious person/vehicle, Riggs Rd.
2025 – assault & battery, Belleville Rd.
2256 – suspicious person/vehicle, Maple Dr.
2304 – suicidal person, Clayton Rd.
2305 – suspicious person/vehicle, W. Huron River Dr.

Also on this week’s log are 149 traffic stops, seven of which were on the I-94 and I-275 freeways.

Belleville Police Dispatch Log

Sunday, March 10:
0330 – intrusion alarm, Main St.
1138 – assist fire dept., Owen St.
1309 – vehicle lockout, Carmell St.
1543 – assist fire dept., Sumpter Rd.
2029 – family trouble, Loza Ln.
2058 – 911 welfare check, E. Waterbury Ct.
2152 – hospice death, W. Columbia Ave.
Monday, March 11:
0610 – assist fire dept., W. Columbia Ave.
0923 – property damage accident, W. Columbia
1021 – disorderly, W. Columbia Ave.
1048 – assist fire dept., Sumpter Rd.
1111 – juvenile complaint, South Grove Rd.

1425 – assist fire dept., Carmell St.
1547 – disorderly, Owen St.
Tuesday, March 12:
0921 – found property/child, Henry St.
0928 – larceny, Main St.
0948 – civil matter, Carmell St.
1429 – property damage accident, Denton/Main
1430 – assist other dept., Loza Ln.
1527 – warrant arrest, Clarence St.
2216 – larceny from auto, Brain St.
Wednesday, March 13:
1342 – property damage accident, South St./Davis
1358 – assist fire dept., Main St.
1458 – assist fire dept., Menlo Park Dr.
1459 – assist fire dept., Capistrano Ct.
1618 – trespassing, N. Liberty St.
1849 – suicidal person, Charles St.
2101 – abandoned auto, Clarence St./Greylock

Thursday, March 14:
0005 – harassment call, Loza Ln.
1126 – assist fire dept., N. Biggs Ave.
1653 – motorist assist, Savage/Victorian Ln.
1734 – property damage accident, Main/High
1903 – traffic offense, Main St./Second St.
2140 – assist fire dept., W. Columbia Ave.

Friday, March 15:
0724 – suspicious person/vehicle, Madelon St. / E. Huron River Dr.
1010 – assist fire dept., Main St.
1237 – welfare check, Charles Ct.
1642 – traffic offense, Potter Dr./E. Huron River
1717 – warrant arrest, Carmell St.
1740 – warrant arrest, Anaheim
1833 – warrant arrest, Eureka
Saturday, March 16:
0745 – assist fire dept., Brain St.
0851 – property damage accident, South St. / E. Columbia Ave.
1112 – disorderly, S. Industrial Park Dr.
1439 – assist fire dept., W. Columbia Ave.
1930 – suspicious person/vehicle, N. Liberty St.
Also on this week’s log are 45 traffic stops.

Sumpter Township Police Dispatch Log

Sunday, March 10:
0948 – property damage accident, Rawsonville / Willow
1116 – animal complain, 46000 bl. Willow Rd.
1227 – fire dept. assist, 10000 bl. Rawsonville Rd.
1250 – breaking & entering, 20000 bl. Martinsville
1456 – larceny, 41000 bl. Willow Rd.
1600 – well-being check, 48000 bl. Harris Rd.
1938 – warrant arrest pick up, 50000 bl. Bemis Rd.
2238 – operating while intoxicated arrest, Harris / Martinsville
2353 – fire dept. assist, Texas
Monday, March 11:
0034 – suspicious incident, 47000 bl. Judd Rd.
0815 – animal complaint, Oakville Waltz/Sumpter
0922 – subpoena service, 21000 bl. Sherwood Rd.
1028 – death investigation, 23000 bl. Clark Rd.
1204 – animal complaint, 41000 bl. Harris Rd.
1459 – well-being check, 42000 bl. Judd Rd.
1814 – civil dispute, 28000 bl. Karr Rd.
Tuesday, March 12:
0737 – property damage accident, Bemis/Elwell
0958 – animal complaint, Sherwood/Willow
1204 – civil dispute, 48000 bl. Wear Rd.
1349 – threats complaint, Bemis/Elwell
1927 – shots fired, 17000 bl. Odyssey Dr.
2039 – larceny, Hampshire Dr.

Wednesday, March 13:
0907 – animal complaint, Martinsville/Judd
1516 – animal complaint, Martinsville/Willis
1558 – fire dept. assist, 49000 bl. Bemis Rd.
1701 – animal complaint, 47000 bl. Judd Rd.
1743 – neighbor dispute, 43000 bl. Harris Rd.
1750 – 911 hang up, 7800 bl. Oakville Waltz Rd.
1844 – animal complaint, 42000 bl. Willis Ct.
2123 – suspicious person, Washington
2218 – animal complaint, 22000 bl. Sherwood Rd.
2239 – 911 hang up, 46000 bl. Harris Rd.
Thursday, March 14:
0446 – runaway juvenile, 45000 bl. Victoria Ave.
0802 – property damage accident, Arkona/Elwell
0812 – suspicious vehicle, 28000 bl. Elwell Rd.
1216 – 911 hang up, 48000 bl. Wear Rd.
1345 – fire dept. assist, 20000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
1418 – fire dept. assist, 8500 bl. Rawsonville Rd.

1619 – threats complaint, 46000 bl. Willis Rd.
Friday, March 15:
1139 – civil dispute, 8200 bl. Oakville Waltz Rd.
1222 – fraud complaint, 19000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
1339 – mental health commitment, 23000 bl. Elwell Rd.
1354 – down wires, 8900 bl. Rawsonville Rd.
1505 – suspicious vehicle, Virginia
1511 – property damage accident, 47000 bl. Bemis
1611 – alarm, 24000 bl. Bohn Rd.
1633 – 911 hang up, 47000 bl. Bemis Rd.
1651 – property damage accident, Karr/Judd
1733 – fire dept. assist, 48000 bl. Wear Rd.
2202 – suspicious incident, 23000 bl. Haggerty Rd.
2306 – civil dispute, 26000 bl. Martinsville Rd.

Saturday, March 16:
0001 – fire dept. assist, 8400 bl. Oakville Waltz
0812 – fire dept. assist, Rustic Ln.
1009 – death investigation, 46000 bl. Willis Rd.
1232 – civil dispute, New Mexico
1428 – civil dispute, 25000 bl. Clark Rd.
1525 – fire dept. assist, 26000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
1747 – animal complaint, 29000 bl. Elwell Rd.
2257 – suspicious incident, 48000 bl. Sully Dr.
Also on this week’s log are six follow-up investigations, 22 miscellaneous details, 65 patrol checks, and 77 traffic stops.

Court Watching:

Jonathan Cole of VBT sentenced to 3-15 yrs. in death of police officer

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Independent Editor

On Friday, Jonathan David Cole of Van Buren Township was sentenced to 3 to 15 years in prison for the hit and run killing of a Detroit police officer.

Wayne County Circuit Court Judge Shannon Walker had him taken from the courtroom to immediately start serving his term, minus credit of 31 days for time served.

Officer Fadi Shukur, 30, was walking back to his patrol car at 2:40 a.m., Aug. 4, 2018, after helping disperse a crowd following a party on West McNichols near Stahelin, when Cole, who was age 19 at the time, hit him with his Jeep Liberty and drove off. Officer Shukur died later of his injuries.

Cole, who turned 20 on Dec. 10, had a jury trial scheduled for Feb. 5, but that was cancelled when he took a plea deal.

He pled no contest to charges of reckless driving causing death and failure to stop at the scene of an accident causing death when at fault. The sentence was the same for each charge and the time is being served concurrently.

He was first charged with reckless driving causing serious impairment to a bodily function, but that was changed to reckless driving causing death after the officer died. Another charge of second-degree murder was dismissed by a judge in September.

Prosecutors said when Cole fled the scene, he went to the home of his parents in Van Buren Township where evidence was destroyed. They said they believe he had been drinking before the accident. While at home, he flushed the alcohol out of his system by drinking water and apple cider vinegar.

Later that day he turned himself in to police and then Officer Shukur succumbed to his injuries.

At the sentencing, speaking were Officer Shukur’s stepfather, who is also a Detroit police officer; Officer Shukur’s wife of 35 days; and his mother. The widow said she and her late husband forgive him and will be praying for him. All three said Officer Shukur was devoted to his job and just wanted to help people.

Cole expressed remorse for the “tragic accident.”

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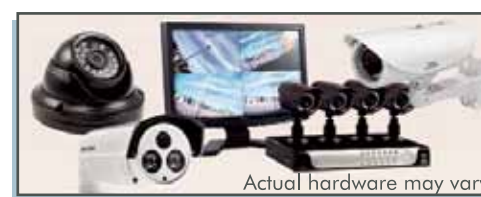
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Arbor. He said the State of Michigan put on the training with a reduced rate because Sumpter Lt. Jamie Good was the instructor. Trustee LaPorte also announced that National Emergency Management training is coming for the police and fire departments;

• Heard Antoinette Oddy say to the board from the audience, "We look very silly to the public when we can't get along with each other... There is so much hatred and animosity in the township." She asked Rush to put announcements on cable. "And, I do miss seeing what the seniors do";

• Eric Partridge said the township purchasing policy requires three competitive bids for projects between \$6,000 and \$9,999 and that was not carried out for the boardroom table. Attorney Young said two bids were received and if they don't get three, it's part of the policy, you can waive the third bid. Partridge said there are over 15 pages of licensed contractors in the 48111 zip code and they couldn't get three bids. "This whole boardroom table issue reeks of cronyism... The father is doing the job that his son got the contract for and the money is going through the son to the father so the father doesn't have to mess up his disability payments." Now, Partridge said, there is the detail of granite inserts added apart from the original quote. "It doesn't seem transparent or fair," he said, asking the board to rework their

permit policy. He said there are lots of carpenters in the community and, "You'd get a better product";

• Heard Adrian Slaughter thank the workers in the treasurer's department for getting things resolved with the property taxes;

• Heard Mary Ban say she called County Commissioner Al Haidous' office to ask about Sumpter Road, between Hull and Bemis, that is separating and making the roadway hazardous. She hopes the commissioner will get crews out there as soon as possible. She said she also called Van Buren Township since the bad part of the road is in its township;

• Heard Peggy Morgan ask about putting the meetings on cable, with Rush responding they will be on cable 10 a.m., 3 p.m., and 8 p.m. every day until the next board meeting. Morgan asked if there weren't any at night, for the workers that get home late, and Rush said, "Everybody's got a DVR"; and

• Heard new Deputy Treasurer Wendy Snook get up and introduce herself. She was to begin work on March 18, since she gave two weeks' notice to the City of Wayne where she had worked for 25 years. She worked the previous Saturday in Sumpter with Anna Winter and Erica Campbell to get things done in the treasurer's office. She said she had been doing water billings in Wayne and is experienced with that. She said she has been a Sumpter Township resident for 17 years and, in fact, she was a dispatcher for Sumpter for a while.

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